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Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

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CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON
When Favorable Answers Are Received From Allies Then Arbitration Will Begin.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document, Bowen may act without restriction and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Bowen. Events here are dependent upon the receipt through the state department, of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela. These answers are expected tomorrow. Should they be favorable the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy be held in Washington and that Bowen leave La Guayra December 23 for the United States to attend the conference. No meeting to discuss terms of settlement is to be held on Venezuelan soil.

BLAMES THE RAILROADS

Ex-Minister to Venezuela Expresses His Opinion on Present Trouble
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A special to the Chronicle from Springfield, O., says: Francis B. Loomis, United States minister to Portugal, has left here for New York city to sail for his post. Mr. Loomis was formerly minister to Venezuela.

"The foreign built railroad systems in Venezuela are largely responsible for the present trouble in that country," he said just before his departure. "Indeed they can be said to be the primary causes of the matter. An inability on the part of the Venezuelan government to meet its obligations to German and English capitalists who had invested many millions of dollars and the work of the revolutionists who had greatly damaged these lines and in many cases wholly prevented traffic, added crisis to crisis until the present trouble came as a natural climax, bringing war upon that government."

"The conditions I have enumerated have been largely responsible for the hostile feeling between the nations of Europe and Venezuela and persons who are familiar with South American affairs can readily appreciate the different steps leading up to the present outbreak."

WILL BE "WAR BLOCKADE"

Belligerent Attitude of Allies Will Be Recognized By Powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—As understood here, the blockade to be declared by the allies against Venezuela Saturday is to be a "war blockade" as contrasted with a "peaceful blockade" which has been in operation since the trouble with Venezuela assumed an acute stage. A formal declaration that a blockade has been established will be sent to all the powers and it will be recognized by the United States government. This government will maintain an attitude of neutrality toward the belligerents.

ROOSEVELT SHOULD HAVE DONE AS CLEVELAND

University President Not Satisfied With Attitude of Administration in Venezuela.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—In an interview published here today Dr. B. Benjamin Andrews, president of the Nebraska university, who lectured in this city this evening on "socialism," criticized the course of the administration at Washington on the Venezuelan question.

"I feel with most people," said Dr. Andrews, "that the Monroe doctrine has received a fearful snub and our prestige has been lowered. Germany and England have been lying low for just this opportunity. Of course these

nations will say they do not want to acquire any territory and that is probably true. England did not want territory in India or Egypt, but she has succeeded, and her control is absolute. Both England and Germany have secured footholds in Venezuela and they have apparently come to stay.

"The administration should have sent out a warning such as Grover Cleveland issued under circumstances similar to those that now humiliate us."

"EL MOCHO'S" SON ENLISTS.

Young Man Will Leave United States to Fight With His Father.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Among the passengers who will start for Venezuela on the steamer Maracaibo on Saturday will be Nicholas Hernandez, the 23-year-old son of General Jose Maria Hernandez, "El Mocho." Young Hernandez is a compositor, at present employed in Danbury, Conn. He telegraphed a friend that he would go to Caracas to enlist in his father's command.

In addition to the number of personal offers from United States citizens at the Venezuela consulate to enlist in Castro's army, the consul-general has received just 46 letters, the writers of which wish to serve. Among the senders of these letters are ex-army officers and discharged soldiers. One man, who owns a steam yacht, offers this to repair the naval force destroyed by the warships and says he will man her, too, without any thought of remuneration.

Senor V. Mestre Anzures, a former captain in the Spanish army, and the hero of many duels, was among those who placed themselves at the disposal of the Venezuelan consul-general.

ALL HAVE CLAIMS.

So Intimate Italian Minister, Who Doesn't Seem Worried.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—All who have spoken with Foreign Minister Prinetti regarding the Venezuelan situation, including the American, Austrian and French ambassadors, have been assured that he was not at all preoccupied by the fact that Venezuela had rejected the Italian ultimatum. Asked about the Italian claims, he shrugged his shoulders, saying:

"Who has not claims against Venezuela?"

The general opinion here is that Venezuela will end by giving way to the inevitable. Much is hoped from the influence of the United States which it is thought will certainly be the power ultimately to decide the question.

CALLED DOWN

Rash German Commander Must Look Little Out.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The German commander in Venezuelan waters has been instructed to use extreme caution and avoid acts of force until he receives further orders.

ANOTHER EFFORT MADE TO GET TRANSPORT SERVICE

Root Not Ready to Announce Decision, but Seattle Still Hopes for the Business.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Root today gave a hearing to Mr. Windsor, president of the Boston Steamship company. He advocated acceptance of the bid of that company for the transportation of troops and military supplies between the United States and the Philippines by way of Seattle.

In view of the fact that the secretary had objected to a stipulation in the bid that the company should be granted three-fourths of government business across the Pacific, Windsor indicated his willingness to waive that stipulation. Secretary Root stated that he was not yet prepared to announce his decision further than to say that there would be no change in the present transportation service at San Francisco. Another conference between the officials of the war department will be held tomorrow.

THIS TIME SHE SAILS.

After Many Delays the "Wisconsin's" Course Is Settled on.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The battleship Wisconsin has sailed for Bremerton navy yard to be repaired and overhauled, after which she will be sent to the Asiatic station. A captain has not yet been appointed to succeed Captain Reiter. The executive officer is taking her to Bremerton. The United States cruiser New York will sail for Santa Barbara today. She will return to this port in about three weeks.

HERRERA ON DECK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—General Herrera, accompanied by several members of his staff, has arrived here on the gunboat Berlioz, says the Herald's correspondent at Panama. Public order has not yet been established.

OPERATORS HOLD UP STRIKERS

Testimony Tends to Prove Commission of Acts of Lawlessness.

GRAY SAYS A FEW THINGS

Witnesses Very Bitter in Their Exposition of Alleged Violence, Implicating the Union.

SCRANTON, Dec. 18.—The coal strike commission listened today to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and one-half months of the miners' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the sessions by the attorney for the nonunion men.

They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys and attempts to burn houses of nonunion men.

In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the miners' union. Lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that evidence if strike rules were applied. "A coward who will go to storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to poor women, usually seeks obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him." If he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up such a cowardly business.

DEPARTURE BY PROF. LORENZ.

For the First Time Successfully Operates on Club Foot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Professor Lorenz has for the first time, since his arrival in New York, operated on a club foot. The patient was a four-year-old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft as putty. Then he deftly molded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed and a plaster cast was fitted to the foot. The doctor said the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

Four operations for congenital dislocations were performed, and at their close Dr. Lorenz showed that he was a tired man.

CHRISTMAS MONEY ORDERS

Record Over All Previous Years Is Badly Broken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mail money order records have been broken in the central postoffice, Wednesday transactions amounting to \$1,168,741. This included money orders issued, both domestic and foreign, the certificates of deposit issued to out-of-town postmasters, money orders paid and money order drafts.

European advices brought the information that the incoming Christmas mail would be much larger this year than ever before. The Cymric, bound for New York, is said to have on board 2600 bags of mail. The Etruria is also coming with 1805, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse with 690 and the St. Louis with 300, a total of 5395.

ESTABLISHES ROYAL COURT.

Pretender to the Throne Appears to Have Succeeded in His Schemes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Fez, by way of London, says that the pretender to the throne has complete possession of Tosa and the neighboring districts, and has appointed viziers and other officials and has set up a court with every symbol of royalty. The tribes east of Fez almost without exception, acknowledge the pretender as the sultan. The correspondent says that very heavy rains impeded the progress of the imperial troops.

AUTO LINE FOR ENGLAND

New System of Transit in France Is About to Be Initiated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The North-east railway is about to test an auto car system similar to that described

in a recent dispatch from Paris, says the Times' London correspondent. It is proposed to work the new system experimentally on the crowded part of the railway between Harpool and Westpool, which are not far apart.

REIFF SEEKS RESTORATION.

Famous American Jockey Obtains Partial Vindication.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Several Americans, who spent the last racing season in France, when asked their opinion of the effect of the verdict in the case of J. T. Reiff against the Yle au Grand Air, said they believed it by no means restored Reiff's license, but the good effect of the evidence of St. Sauve's owner and trainer was not to be denied. Reiff's next step will be to apply to the stewards of the French Jockey club for a restoration of his license. M. Edmund Blanc, one of the most notable turf men of France, is supporting Reiff, and, if reinstated, the young American will ride for M. Blanc at a salary of \$15,000 per annum.

INJURED AT HOCKEY.

Player Receives Wound From Which He Bleeds Profusely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Whitney Carpenter, a member of the Andover preparatory school hockey team, narrowly escaped bleeding to death as the result of injuries sustained in a match with the team of the Cutler school of this city. During a scrimmage Carpenter fell and struck the blade on a Cutler lad's skate. He was picked up unconscious, bleeding from a deep cut over the left ear. The flow of blood was staunch with difficulty, and he was removed to his mother's residence.

Townsend, another Andover player, was hurt, but not seriously, although he was obliged to retire from the game.

QUIETLY MARRIED

One of Carnegie's Right-Hand Men Takes a Wife.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 18.—James W. Brainard of Pittsburgh, assistant manager of the Carnegie company, has been quietly married to Miss Beatrice F. Adams of Cleveland, O., at the home of the groom's parents in this city.

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